

Maine Farmer.

Farm life ought to be pleasant. Then never make it drudgery.

Let the farm boys have time to go a-fishing once in a while. It will do them even more good than it does a man.

Dry off the poor cow, and let her "go to grass" and get fat. It is hoped she will sell for something best fit for her, when a good cow can be put in her place.

Tax reform in the Massachusetts legislature drags its slow length along towards the close of the session, as it did in the hands of our Maine law makers; it is fate to meet the same end—nothing fruitful.

Boys keep the farm tools clean and bright. Neither whether, hoe, plow, or other implement, they never should be put in the tool house till nicely cleaned. Neither man or boy likes to use a rusty tool.

Stock has been reported as starving to death in the drought-stricken region of western Kansas, Nebraska and Dakota. The spring grass brings relief to the horses and cattle, but the people are still in need of bread.

"It is a terrible thing to live in these days of scientific investigation. A scientist is always found over twenty kinds of scull in the accumulations taken from under a person's finger nail! It would have been dangerous work for that person to scratch."

Put the harrows on to the corn fields as soon as the teams can be spared from other work, and stir the lands at intervals, for a few days at least, for plowing. There is no doubt of getting the soil too fine. The more the land is worked, the better will it contain the most food material.

Political, but not Partisan.

It is always a matter of regret when one caries necessity to aid a cause, unconsciously turns his batteries against the friend he would protect. This is the case with the able Maine correspondent of the *Mirror and Farmer*. In many ways, and at times, he has defended the cause of his party with great ability. But, he has defended it with a party spirit, and his words of commendation have had weight, but, unfortunately, he has received an erroneous impression of the step lately taken by the State Executive Committee, and his caustic pen bristles with reproach.

He says:

"The Executive Committee of the Maine State Grange at Lewiston, a few

days since, is significant and suggestive.

The beginning of the reaction conse-

quently to the action of the last legisla-

ture, it is evident, is the first great

and most important step in the direction

of political independence, and demands

that all others be required to do the same.

The regulations requisitions pre-

pared to govern the West Penobscot exhi-

bition 12 rods as follows:

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cumstances will permit."

What is wealth? It is the possession of

the things we most desire. *Work* is the

foundation of wealth, and the chance

to obtain it, is wealth.

It is the desire that somebody is willing to

pay for what we have, that makes us

rich enough.

We endorse the above, and wish that

many more seems now to be the case,

that could also be made to see it.

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factories, but to a much larger extent.

Its largest business has been about

two hundred pounds a day, running down

to four to five hundred a week in the winter.

If the farmers of the vicinity will put

their full strength into this business, they

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Items of Maine News.

There is good prospect of the state quarry East Madison being opened.

The Whittneys are running their sluices and are finding some gold at Byron.

The telegraph boys of Portland are on a strike.

The news of the death of Mrs. Frank A. A., formerly of Bangor, in Orlando, Fla., has been received.

Jerome C. Burnett, chief of the National Bank Department of the Treasury, died on Sunday.

Gen. Alphonso Taft, ex-Secretary of War, and ex-Minister to Austria and Russia, is dead.

There was a terrible fire at Chattanooga, Tenn., yesterday, the estimated loss being fully a quarter of a million dollars.

Twenty hundred pounds of the choicer oysters from the Gulf of Mexico, which are found in great numbers in the rivers and bays of Florida, were sold at \$25,000.

Pulicross H. J. Alger of Boston has disappeared, having sold his residence, prepared from dealers, saying that he wanted to show them to his wife.

Miss Mary M. Garrett offered the trustees of the Royal Arch Masonic Lodge, to be used as a Schlesinger Chapel.

The store of S. P. Smith at Cornville, was burglarized Friday night. Forty or fifty dollars were taken from money drawers.

Calfee & Libby of Richmond, Va., had another day a car-load of pasteboard, to be used in making boxes at their shoe factory.

The duty on butter is six cents a pound, an increase of butter entered at the custom house at Eastport, last week, the duty was 50 cents.

A wildcat came boldly into Mr. George's yard, at South Robbinson, and while he was breakfasting on a hen, George Louise Cary Raymond, the singer, was furnished a room in the Maine General Hospital, where she has supported a free concert.

The pig mill of the Moosehead Pulp and Paper Company at the Carrarukat falls in Maine is completed and will be a big one with a capacity of four tons a day.

Elliott Russell, the well-known guide at Anglesea, says the ice is still strong in the great lakes, and is likely to remain so for some time.

The suit brought by John Connally against the Lewiston Bleachery for \$25,000, dollars, was decided in favor of the defendant.

An Arabian peddler and his wife have been arrested at Coe, charged with having committed a robbery, and a child recently found in Coe.

About a hundred men are now employed in the granite business at East Bluehill.

Business is long and running two crews of men and have fifty-five men on the payroll.

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Patrick D. Flanagan of Waterbury, Conn., for the murder of Mrs. Mary Flanagan, was sentenced to life imprisonment to be served at New Haven, Conn., for life.

The case will be carried to the Supreme Court on a writ of error.

The dead President of the National Bank of New York paid the bank out of \$48,000 on eight loans. One of the loans was for \$150,000. These loans had been rung up on the books of the bank.

Hill embossed was lost in stock speculation in Wall street.

The return of Prince Bismarck to the Reichstag after his absence of nearly three months, was received with enthusiasm at Geestemunde by the bi-ecclastic head.

He was received with a hearty welcome.

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